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RE: Grievance Complaint #05-0213, Johnson v. Schettino

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* filed November 2, 2005 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline*, the affidavit of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(c) and the entire record, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on November 2, 2005, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline*, a copy of which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee.

Reviewing committee member Attorney Margarita Moore was not available for the November 2, 2005 hearing. The Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent's counsel waived the participation of Attorney Moore in the consideration and decision of the *Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline*. Accordingly, the matter was considered and decided by the undersigned.

The Respondent is **reprimanded** and ordered to attend a **continuing legal education** course in the area of probate process in-person and at his own expense. The course must consist of a minimum of three credit hours and must be completed within six months of the issuance of this decision. The Respondent is further ordered to provide the Statewide Grievance Committee with written confirmation of his compliance with this condition within thirty (30) days of completion of the continuing legal education course.

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So ordered.

cc: Douglas A. Johnson
Attorney William F. Dow, III
Attorney John H. Welch, Jr.

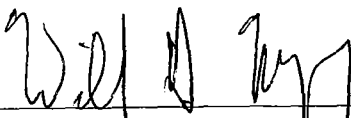
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DECISION DATE: 12-23-05

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Attorney Tracie Molinaro



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STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

NO. 05-0213

DOUGLAS JOHNSON
Complainant

Vs.

JOSEPH E. SCHETTINO, JR.
Respondent

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND AGREEMENT AS TO DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint filed by the Complainant on or about February 27, 2005.
2. On June 9, 2005, the New Haven Judicial District Grievance Panel found Probable Cause that the Respondent violated Rule 1.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. The Respondent has tendered a conditional admission of fact in accordance with his affidavit attached hereto, admitting the facts of the complaint.
4. It appears that the dispute between the Complainant and Respondent arose as a result Respondent's handling of his duties as co-executor of the estate of Complainant's deceased paternal aunt.

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5. Respondent has been admitted to practice in Connecticut since May 16, 1979. Respondent has been Reprimanded once, in 2002, for a violation of Rule 1.3.
6. Disciplinary Counsel has agreed to recommend to the Statewide Grievance Committee that a **Reprimand** and an Order of a **CLE** course in Probate matters be issued.

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82 (b).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

10/25/05
Date

Frank P. Blando
BY: Frank P. Blando
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

Respondent

10-25-2005
Date

Joseph E. Schettino, Jr.
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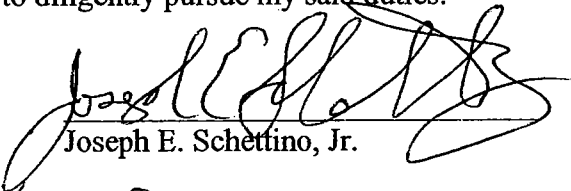
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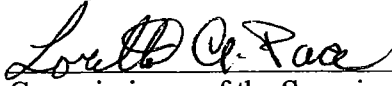
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN)

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82, I make the following affidavit:

1. The Conditional Admission attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.
2. I herein consent to the form of discipline set forth in the attached Conditional Admission and Agreement as to Discipline.
3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter and I waive that right by entering into this agreement.
4. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of this Affidavit and my conditional admission.
5. I am fully aware of the current proceeding regarding my violation of Rule 1.3 as it specifically relates to my failure to diligently pursue my duties as co-executor of the Estate of Priscilla Anne Johnson.
6. I hereby acknowledge my said failure to diligently pursue my said duties.


Joseph E. Schettino, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of OCTOBER, 2005.



Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 6-30-09